

A great deal more is positively known about the threads of sexual development and the mechanisms for dealing with anxiety than I have been able to make clear here. I have been able only to select certain of these, such as were illustrated in the material, or such as seem specially relevant to the problem of social development.

As regards the linkage of the social and sexual aspects of development, I do not imagine I have done more than suggest lines of investigation. Although my mode of presentation may at times have seemed very positive, I would not have readers assume that the views I offer are put forward dogmatically. They are intended to open up inquiry, not to close it. I shall be content if it is felt that I have been able to show, on the one hand, how fascinating a field of inquiry confronts us in this question of the relation between the sexual development of children as we have now come to understand it, and their social responses in every phase of their growth ; and, on the other, how penetrating an instrument we have for this investigation in the psycho-analytic study of the individual.